

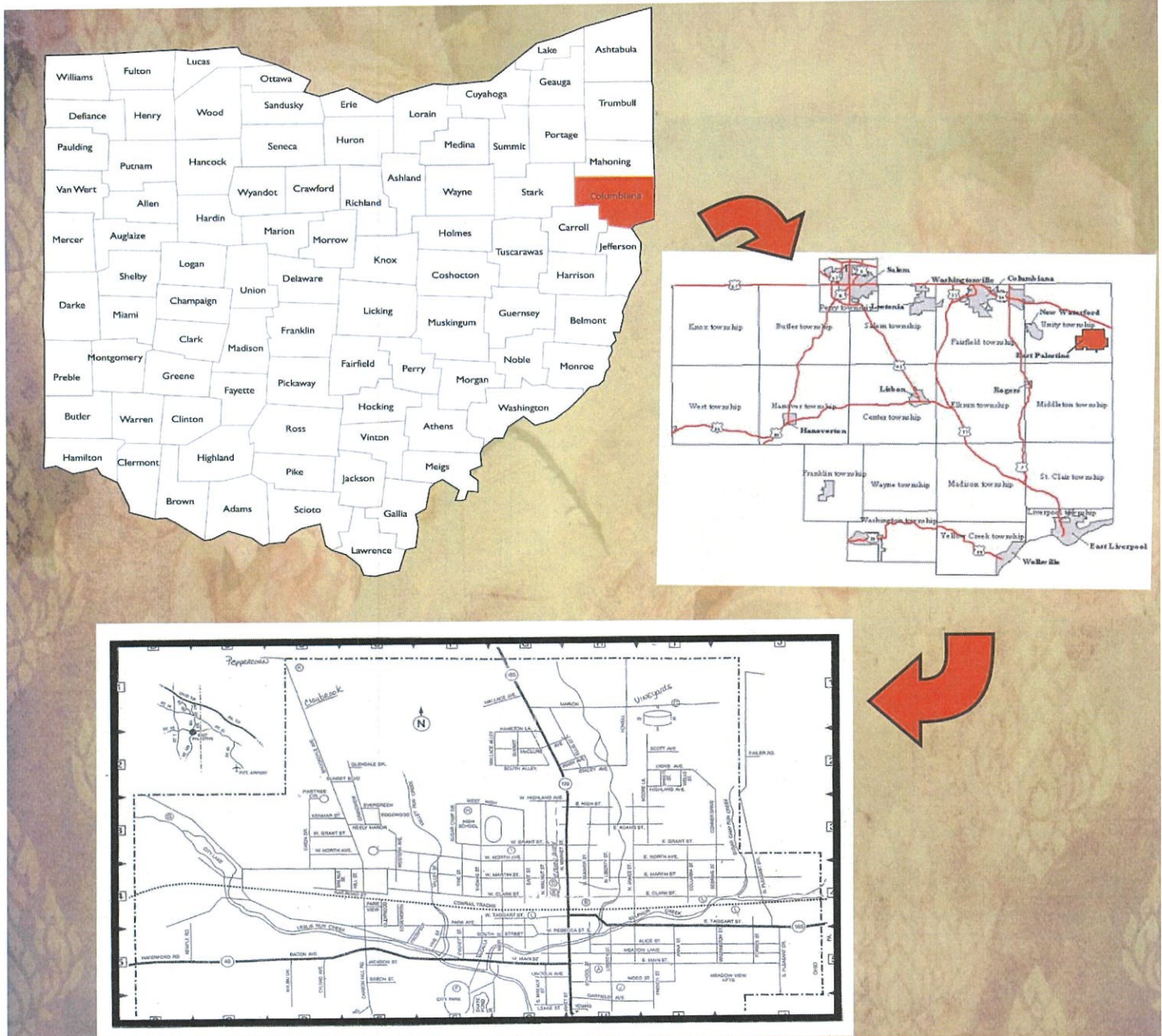
ANNUAL REPORT

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

VILLAGE OF EAST PALESTINE



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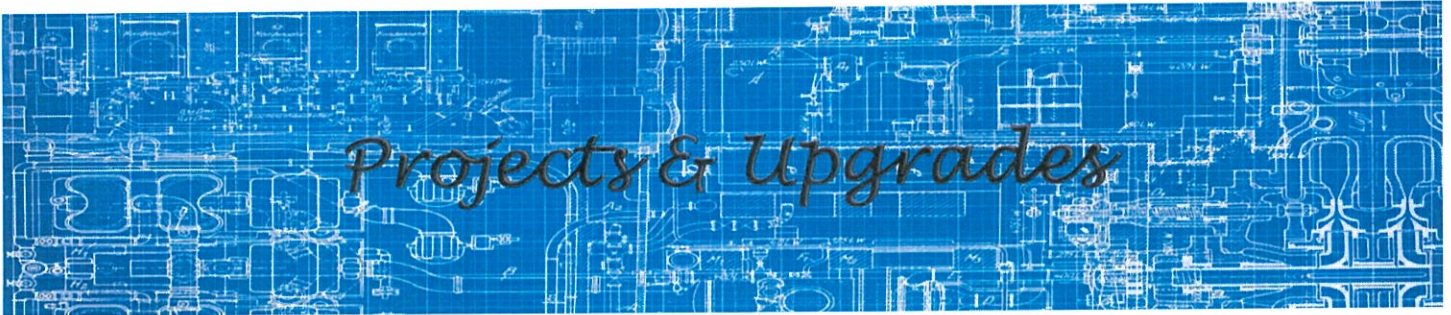
EAST PALESTINE, OHIO

East Palestine is a village in eastern Columbiana County, Ohio, United States. The population was 4,761 at the 2020 census. Located on the state's border with Pennsylvania, East Palestine is 20 miles (32 km) south of Youngstown and 50 miles (80 km) northwest of downtown Pittsburgh. East Palestine is located in the Salem, OH Micropolitan Statistical Area, as well as the southern part of the greater Mahoning Valley.

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AN UPDATE FROM THE MANAGER



Wastewater Equalization Basin Project

A loan and grant from U.S.D.A. have assisted the Village in meeting an E.P.A. requirement; an equalization basin was recommended by the E.P.A. to prevent the discharge of raw effluent into Leslie Run Creek during times of extreme flow. The main function of the equalization tank is to act as a buffer: to collect the raw incoming sewage that comes at widely fluctuating rates and pass it on to the rest of the sewage treatment plant at a steady flow rate.

At the end of 2020 construction of an in-the-ground tank began: construction included a new garage structure, fencing around the new area of the wastewater plant, paving, piping and upgrading and increasing the size of the pipes feeding the whole wastewater plant. By the Fall of 2021, the basin, garage, and related elements were ninety percent (90%) completed, with some pieces of the project delayed by the nationwide issues related to delivery and trucking, and other parts, such as the top layer of paving, temporarily halted due to adding additional upgrades to the project. The construction project for 2020-21 used the \$7.6M+ loan funds, the added items for 2021-22 will be covered by the \$3M+ grant funding. The winter of 2021-22 has already tested the new 1.2M gallon equalization basin, with heavy rains and snow melt: the basin is handling high flow well.



Figure 1 – The transformation, in less than one year, from unused field to equalization basin

2022 construction will be additions to the blower system: blower systems are typically used to provide aeration in activated sludge plants and to promote aerobic digestion. They keep solids suspended in channels and in aeriated grit chambers, which is absolutely necessary for a proper treatment ecosystem. Upgrades will include new blowers, a high-pressure airline system through the treatment plant, and new aeration hardware for the in-ground aeration tanks. The existing sludge holding tanks, which provide storage of biosolids and serve as a location for thickening before further processing or disposal, have been cleaned and necessary repairs made will also receive needed upgrades and/or replacement of pipes and valves which have reached the end of their functional life. Finally, repairs or replacements are being made to some of the standing sheet metal framed buildings throughout the plant, as well as issues related to a non-potable water well within the grounds of the plant. We look forward both to the upgrading of the infrastructure which will make the wastewater department one of the best and most modern for miles around us.

Disc-Golf in the City Park



Back in 2019 the Park Board worked on achieving a goal for the City Park, that is to purchase and install an eighteen-hole disc-golf course. The members of the Board raised \$6,000 for the equipment: the East Palestine Community Foundation and the East Palestine Masonic Lodge both generously donated \$3,000.

Installation was delayed during the pandemic, however, with the assistance of a Disc-Golf architect, that has a day-job at Youngstown State University, the equipment was purchased and delivered. Installation

took a little longer: other area courses were visited to determine the best way to install the course. Late summer/early fall, and with several corrections to the course layout, the equipment was installed and opened for use. Unfortunately, there are many things that could be done to upgrade the course that we could not achieve in 2021, but through a kind donation from the East Palestine Eagle's Lodge, we are making plans to improve the investment.

2022 will see several upgrades to the course: plans are underway to add signage, provide score cards with maps, and to upgrade the starting areas for each basket. Despite not having these in place yet, we have received a number of good reviews. The Village is looking forward to later this year, when we hope to have our first large disc golf tournament.

2021 Park Projects

Mike and Ashley McKim of McKim's Honeyvine, Tom Brittain of Brittain's Chevrolet, and many community residents, organizations, and businesses decided that a Park Board project was something they wished to achieve. The project was designed to make the Rainbow Dreamland playground more accessible for children who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices, and to provide more play options for children of all abilities.

The community united and several thousand dollars were collected to make this dream a reality. And while the project was sidelined because of the pandemic, it finally came to fruition. The playground now has two new swings. One at the east end, and the other at the west. Both designed for use by children with disabilities. An omnispinner has been installed: this is a high-backed spinner that allows for an easy transfer from a mobility device, provides back support, side walls, and speed limiter to make spinning safe and fun for all children. The Village has also installed a metallophone which is a musical instrument similar to a large, weather-proof, xylophone.

The final touches came when a chain bridge and an older balance board were removed to make sure that all of the playground could be accessed by children using mobility devices. The Village and Street Department, along with employees and equipment donated by Martinez Landscaping, placed 77 cubic yards (approximately 5 tons) of playground mulch to complete the upgrade. Village Manager Mark McTrusty said that the only part of the project that is not finished, is a new pathway into the playground, from the community center parking lot. McTrusty said that the path would be completed by the end of October.



Figure 2 – The omnispinner, left, and one of the swings and the metallophone, right.

During early July of 2021, the Centennial Bandstand, as known as the Park Gazebo, was also dedicated to the memory of Mr. Don Smith. Smith has been described him as an integral part of the community who served as an instructor at the high school, was involved in several civic organizations and actively contributed to the village park.

Other Community Projects in progress

Park Drive Bridge Project

Late 2019 O.D.O.T. listed the Park Drive Bridge as structurally deficient – a rating that means that a plan to replace the structure should be under way. The Village partnered with M.S. Consultants of Youngstown, and O.D.O.T. to provide the necessary engineering to replace the bridge and find the funding to cover the construction costs. Two years later, the engineering is mostly completed, and the details of construction are being discussed. The construction for this project is currently scheduled for August of 2023.

Water Model Study and Waterline Replacement Project

Late Winter of 2020 the Village entered into an agreement with M.S. Consultants of Youngstown, to develop a water model to understand the age, size, and condition of the water supply pipelines inside of Village limits. Summer of 2021 the computer model was complete – the study allowed both the engineer's and the Village to understand which areas of infrastructure were most in need of replacement, and how the system would react to valves being closed, breaking, or freezing in their current state. Further, it allowed an analysis of what changes could be made to lower the load on the existing booster stations, which will lessen the work to be performed by the pumps and therefore extending their life.

The Second use of the computer study was to determine which areas of water supply infrastructure were most in need of replacing. Again, this would benefit the Village in two ways:

- A plan was developed to replace the infrastructure most in need of immediate replacement
- A second plan could be developed to provide a long-term replacement plan for the remaining portions of the infrastructure.

M.S. Consultants, the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP), and the Village have worked through the remainder of 2021 and into 2022 to seek funding for the first stage of line replacement, which is an estimated 22,000 linear feet of water line and a small booster pump for an area that has been identified as having very low water pressure.

Alley & Culvert Projects

During 2022, the Village aims to replace three bridge-culverts within the Village, as well as providing adequate erosion control around the structures. Further, the alley replacement project which was placed on hold during the pandemic, will begin again during 2022. The worst alleys will be excavated, repaired, and re-stone with compacted crushed limestone. This project is currently estimated to require four years to complete.

MUNICIPAL VISION, MISSION, & VALUES

Vision Statement

The Village of East Palestine’s overall vision statement as derived from the past input of citizens, business owners, and other key stakeholders interested in the long-term future of the community is as follows:

“To be a Village with an emerging vibrancy guided by a strong sense of community.”

Mission Statement

The Village of East Palestine’s organizational mission statement reflecting the purpose to be served by the existence and ongoing efforts of our municipal operations is as follows:

“To provide affordable, high quality municipal services and responsive accessible local governance ensuring all persons have the opportunity to enjoy contributing to and being a part of the East Palestine community.”

Values Statement

The core values representing the beliefs and behaviors by which all members of the Village of East Palestine organization shall conduct ourselves and providing a common basis for making and evaluating all decisions and actions are as follows:

Resident-focused service	We engage our residents with a focus on listening to and supporting their needs, delivering quality services and seeking satisfaction.
Integrity	We conduct ourselves in a manner that is legal, ethical, and professional, with honesty, respect, and fairness
Innovation	We develop creative solutions and share practices that enhance the value of services provided to our residents
Accountability	We promote openness and transparency in our operations to ensure accountability at all times.
Stewardship	We serve as stewards of the residents’ resources seeking to responsibly utilize, conserve, and sustain our Village for future generations

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Finance Department handles the following: Finance/Budget, Insurance, Payroll, Cemetery, Assets for the City.

Budget	2020	2021
Total Budget Expenses	\$9,392,477.52	\$10,250,041.33
Wages/Benefits	\$2,303,825.39	\$2,273,201.85
Debt Payments	\$2,482,117.25	\$706,309.31
Department Expenses	\$4,606,534.88	\$7,270,530.17
Total Revenue Collected	\$10,045,763.23	\$11,333,824.09

Levy	Mils	Year of Expiry	Amount Received
General Fund		Permanent	\$147,555.32
Police Pension Fund	0.3	Permanent	\$21,127.69
Park (2 levies) *	2 & 1	2022	\$140,099.22
Fire	1.5	2023	\$88,908.31
Street	5	2025	\$323,308.82
Police	2	2027	\$129,323.12

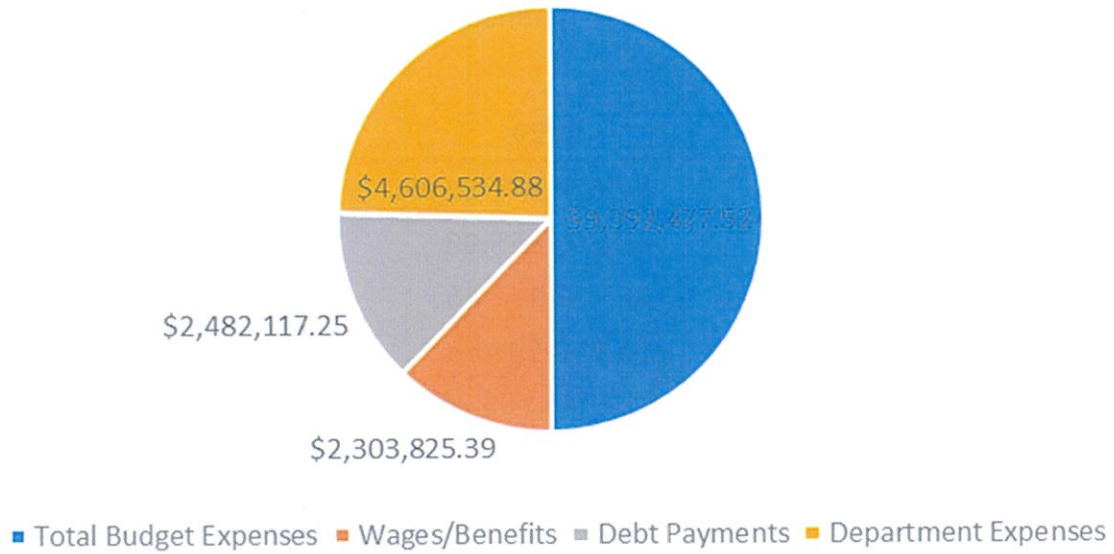
* Park levy will need to go on the ballot November 2022

Cemetery

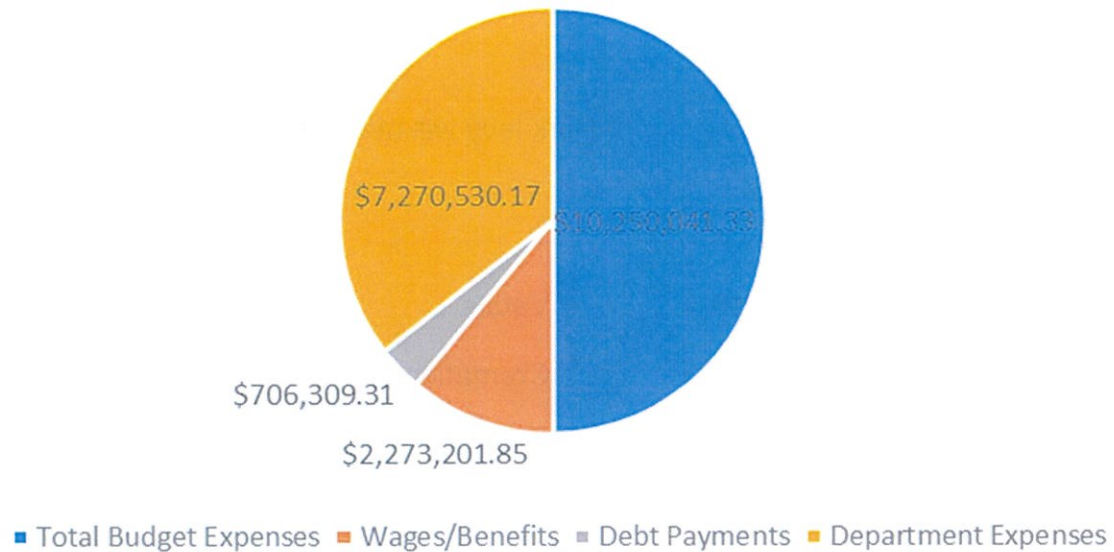
Graves sold	16	Vaults	17
Burials	34	Cremations	17

Income Tax per Fund	Percentage	Amount
General Fund	1	\$1,183,247.32
General Fund	½	\$101,926.26
Police Fund	½	\$203,852.50
Fire Fund	½	\$203,852.50

2020 Budget



2021 Budget





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Administration – 2021 Building and Zoning

PERMITS ISSUED IN 2021

NEW CONSTRUCTION	4
GARAGE/ACCESSORY BUILDINGS	13
ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS/REPAIRS	78
FENCES	16
SIGNS/COMMERCIAL	9
CONNECTIONS/TAP-INS	2
DEMOLITIONS	6
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<i>TOTAL PERMITS</i>	128
ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR 2021	\$1,996,387.22
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	\$8,298.08
CONNECTION/TAP IN/METER&HORNS	\$7,866.00
VARIANCE/COND USE REQUESTS	\$0
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$16,164.08

Administration – 2021 Legislation

	Ordinance		Resolution
20-2020	Vacating unnamed alley, J. Bosley	01-2021	2021 Salt Contract
01-2021	Teamsters Contract	02-2021	Certify to Auditor tax valuation for Police Levy Renewal
02-2021	Wage Increase Adm. Asst.	03-2021	Corrected 02-2021 per County
03-2021	Updating Pers. Manual, sick time	04-2021	Modify McTrusty Contract
04-2021	FOP Contract	05-2021	Making permanent the allocation of the ½% add'l income tax
05-2021	Codification	06-2021	A.R.P.A. fund creation
06-2021	2021 paving	07-2021	**skipped**
07-2021	Updating Personnel Handbook	08-2021	Accepting amounts and rates
08-2021	Supplemental Appropriations	09-2021	2 mill police levy renewal
09-2021	Adv. of Bids for sale of property	10-2021	Designating Huntington Bank as public depository
10-2021	Establishing returned check fee	11-2021	Providing for the deposit of active, inactive and interim funds
11-2021	Subm. Charter changes to electors	12-2021	Excluding Salem LGF Funds
12-2021	Budget	13-2021	Approving alternate method of apportionment for LGF funds
13-2021	Charter Amendments	14-2021	Dedicating gazebo to Donald E. Smith
14-2021	Amending Pers. Manual, WW Supt.	15-2021	WSRLA for waterline replacement project
15-2021	ODOT snow/ice agreement	16-2021	Special Assessments to the Auditor
16-2021	Supplemental Appropriations	17-2021	NLC Service Line Warranty Program
17-2021	Expand scope of work for WW sys	18-2021	App to ARC for waterline replacement
18-2021	Creation of "Demo Fund"	19-2021	Acceptance of RTP/Clean Ohio Trail Fund Grant
19-2021	Amending 1470.10	20-2021	ODNR -Fish Stocking
20-2021	Golf Carts **Voted down 3-1**		Not assigned
21-2021	Supplemental Appropriations		Not assigned
22-2021	Law Director Contract		Not assigned
23-2021	Increasing the base water rates		Not assigned
24-2021	Adopting wage scale, Pers. Manual		Not assigned
25-2021	Policy for return of property/repayment of fees		Not assigned
26-2021	Supplemental Appropriations		Not assigned

Fire Department: EMS – Statistics

2021 EMS Transports

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Tot.
ALS	32	10	16	27	28	12	11	17	10	19	10	14	206
PLS	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	8
ANE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
BLS	21	18	12	17	16	18	20	29	32	22	29	17	251
BNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Xpo	54	28	28	45	44	30	31	46	42	42	42	34	466
NXpo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	5
Tot.	54	28	28	45	44	30	31	46	42	44	43	36	471

2020 EMS Transports

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Tot.
ALS	34	26	23	29	29	16	3	27	18	19	20	23	267
PLS	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	4
ANE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLS	11	11	7	6	8	10	8	16	11	19	20	8	135
BNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Xpo	45	37	31	35	37	26	12	43	29	38	40	33	406
NXpo	10	9	5	10	7	12	1	11	0	0	0	0	65
Tot.	55	46	36	45	44	38	13	54	29	38	40	33	471

Legend:

- ALS – advanced life support, with an Intermediate EMT
- PLS – advanced life support, with a Paramedic EMT
- ANE – transport requiring Intermediate EMT or Paramedic EMT, but non-emergency
- BLS – basic life support, with a Basic EMT
- BNE – transport requiring Basic EMT, but non-emergency
- XPO – transports: total number of transports for the month
- NXpo – non-transport event, where EMS has been called but no patient is transported
- Tot. – totals

Police - Statistics

1. In this section, East Palestine reported crime data is presented. Emphasis is placed on 2021 crime totals, however, totals from the previous year are provided for comparison.

	2020	2021
Assault	21	12
Burglary / B&E	12	13
Carrying Concealed Weapons	1	3
Criminal Damaging	39	29
Domestic Violence	55	45
Drug Offenses	18	106
Human Trafficking	0	126
Juvenile Offenses	39	20
Murder – Inv. Manslaughter	2	0
Robbery	0	0
Sex Offenses	4	11
Theft	58	47
Traffic / Other Citations	175	367
Traffic / Other Warnings	253	442
Traffic Crashes	46	30

****Human Trafficking:** Focus established in 2021 to combat human trafficking through enforcement of prostitution laws. The purpose of targeted enforcement is to identify and seek assistance for those who are drug dependent and/or being subjected to involuntary servitude.

The police department self-initiated and/or answered **3,922** calls for service which resulted in **1,497** police reports.

Dispatch answered a total of **20,372** calls.

2021 Parking Ticket and Crash Report Receipts totaled **\$445.00**

Court Fine Receipts totaled **\$6,172.48** - Drug and Other Forfeitures totaled **\$6,522.75**

2. In this section, East Palestine Detective / Investigative data is presented for 2021. The following cases were investigated / closed due to the combined efforts of Det. Dan Haueter and the assisting patrol officers.

Offense	Total
Aggravated Menacing	1
Auto Theft / Unauthorized Use	1
Drug Possession / Trafficking	10
Felony Child Endangering	1
Felony Sex Crimes	3
Felony Theft	2
Forgery	1
Human Trafficking	126
Weapons while intoxicated	1
Total	146
Search Warrants / Consent to Search	
Residences	10
Electronic Devices	8
Vehicles	0
Total	18

3. In this section, East Palestine K-9-unit statistics are presented for 2021. Lt. Johnson and K-9 Toney continued their efforts in our commitment to combating the illegal drug problem in East Palestine and the surrounding area.

Activity	Total
Search Warrants	4
Traffic Stops	16
Public Demonstrations	2
Off Duty Call outs	6
Total Deployments	28
Training Hours	157

As noted in charts 1 and 2, local drug related charges and/or arrests **increased** in 2021. This is a direct result of the patrol division and K9 unit working closely with Detective Haueter to achieve our goal of taking drugs off the street and holding accountable those who violate drug laws. With the assistance of the *Columbiana County Prosecutor's Office*, a total of **18 Search Warrants** were executed in *East Palestine and the surrounding area*.

4. In this section, East Palestine Community Policing information is presented (in summary) for 2021.

Sgt. Moore continues to instruct D.A.R.E. classes for 6 th grade students.
Lt. Johnson and K-9 Toney completed their annual State and National K9 certifications.
Participation in the Click it or Ticket and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaigns.
Officers provided traffic control and park security for the annual Fourth of July festivities.
Trick or treat security and traffic control for the Halloween Parade.
Officers provided traffic control for the annual Turkey Trot.
Officers provided traffic control for the annual Christmas Parade
Officers provided security for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High School Commencement - Fall Homecoming - Football Games - Basketball Games - Volleyball matches - Soccer matches
The Department responded to 87 Public Information Requests in 2021.
Officers dedicated approximately 3 hours processing 7 zoning complaints that were filed in 2021.
The Department was certified by the Ohio Collaborative in: Community Engagement, Telecommunicator training and our Body Worn Camera policies.
Additional Policies have been reviewed or re-written and enacted. Updated information has been posted to the Village web-site in an effort to inform the public of our mission and build trust and respect within the community.
Officers performed 73 Welfare Checks throughout the year.
The recruiting program has been updated to include the use of web-based employment sites, electronic submission of applications and we are targeting a larger area which includes qualified out of state applicants.

Police – Chief’s Report

The East Palestine Police Department is committed to protecting the lives, property, and the rights of all people who live in or visit the Village of East Palestine. In 2021 we continued our efforts to enforce the law impartially and provide quality police service in hopes of reducing crime and improving the quality of life for the residents.

Lt. Johnson and K-9 Toney received their annual Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) certification in Narcotics, Tracking and Article Searches. This is a state certification. Lt. Johnson and K-9 Toney received their annual recertification through the North American Police Working Dog Association (NAPWDA) for Narcotics, Tracking and Article Search as well as certification through the National Association of Professional Canine Handlers (NAPCH). These are both nationally recognized certifications.

2021 in review: Cpl. Jake Koehler continues to implement the department’s first comprehensive training program for new recruits as a certified Field Training Officer. Employees once again participated in “No Shave November” and raised \$3,510.00 for our second attempt at “Shop with a Cop”. Although we were unable to take the children shopping, Lt. Johnson, Sgt. Moore and Cpl. Koehler organized the purchase, collection and delivery of Christmas gifts for families in need during the Holiday season. We would like to thank all those who donated, as a result of their contributions thirty-nine children received gifts this Holiday Season.

We remain enrolled in the 1033 / LESO program and continue to receive Government Surplus Equipment at little or no cost to the Village. The OCJS wages grant was approved for the continued funding of a full-time officer. The Department also received the *Body Worn Camera* grant to purchase cameras, equipment, software and training. Additionally, Sgt. Moore received a grant for the 2021 D.A.R.E. program.

The COVID-19 pandemic raged on in 2021, following CDC and Health Department guidelines required us to make drastic changes to how we performed our duties throughout the year. The building was, at times, closed to the public and reports were being taken over the telephone or outside in the parking lot. The Officers and Dispatchers did an outstanding job of adjusting to the ever-changing requirements.

We remain certified through the Ohio Collaborative for our Use of Force and our Recruiting - Hiring policies. We also remain certified under President Trump’s Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities. We have received provisional certification for our Community Engagement,

Body Worn Camera and Telecommunicator Training policies. We will continue our efforts in the certification of additional polices throughout 2022.

In an effort to inform our residents, businesses and community leaders, information was updated on the Village web site under the "Police Department" section. Our common goal is to provide transparency to all who visit the site, build confidence in our safety services and advance our valued and everlasting relationships throughout the community. We have modernized our recruiting efforts by streamlining our application process in hopes of attracting qualified police and dispatch personnel.

Of the changes listed above, one of the things that did not change in 2021 was the level of support we received from the community. Our Police levy passed with 73% of the vote, local residents delivered food, thank you cards and offered encouraging words of support for our police officers and dispatchers. The entire department would like to thank all those who took the time to offer their support throughout the year.

The East Palestine Police Department has a long history of dedicated service to our community. I am proud to report that the men and women serving today continue to provide selfless and dedicated service to the Village of East Palestine and the residents we are sworn to protect. I know through their commitment, hard work and dedication, both the police officers and dispatchers of the East Palestine Police Department will continue to provide quality service regardless of obstacles, situations or conditions. It is these men and women who make the department what it is today and these men and women who will shape this department for generations to come.

In closing, it is an honor and a privilege to serve as the Chief of Police for the Village of East Palestine and a blessing to do so alongside some of the finest people society has to offer, the men and women of the East Palestine Police Department. As we look forward to 2022, we remain committed to the use of sound police strategies, the continued development of community relationships and attaining the highest degree of ethical behavior and professional conduct.

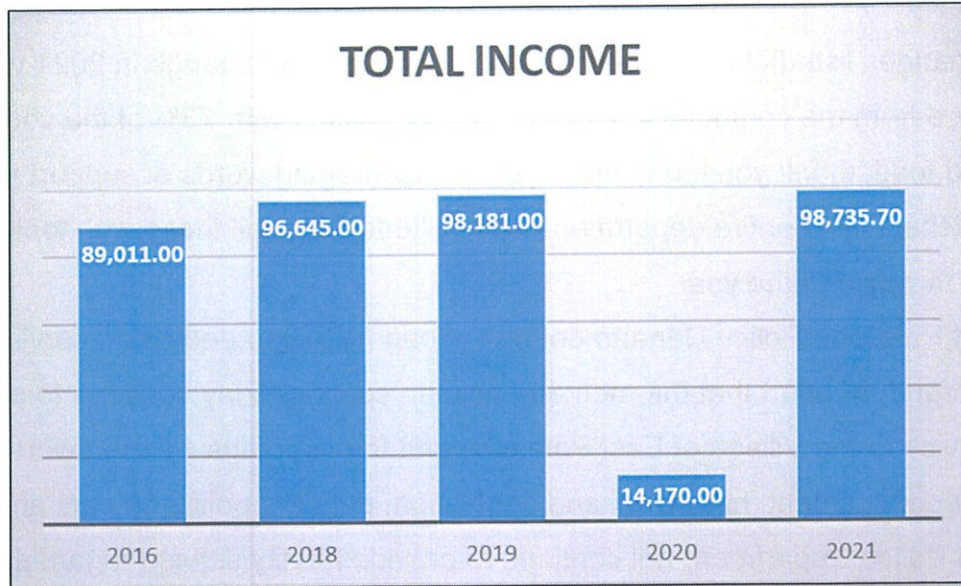
Respectfully Submitted,

James C. Brown III - Chief of Police

Streets & Park – Annual Park Information

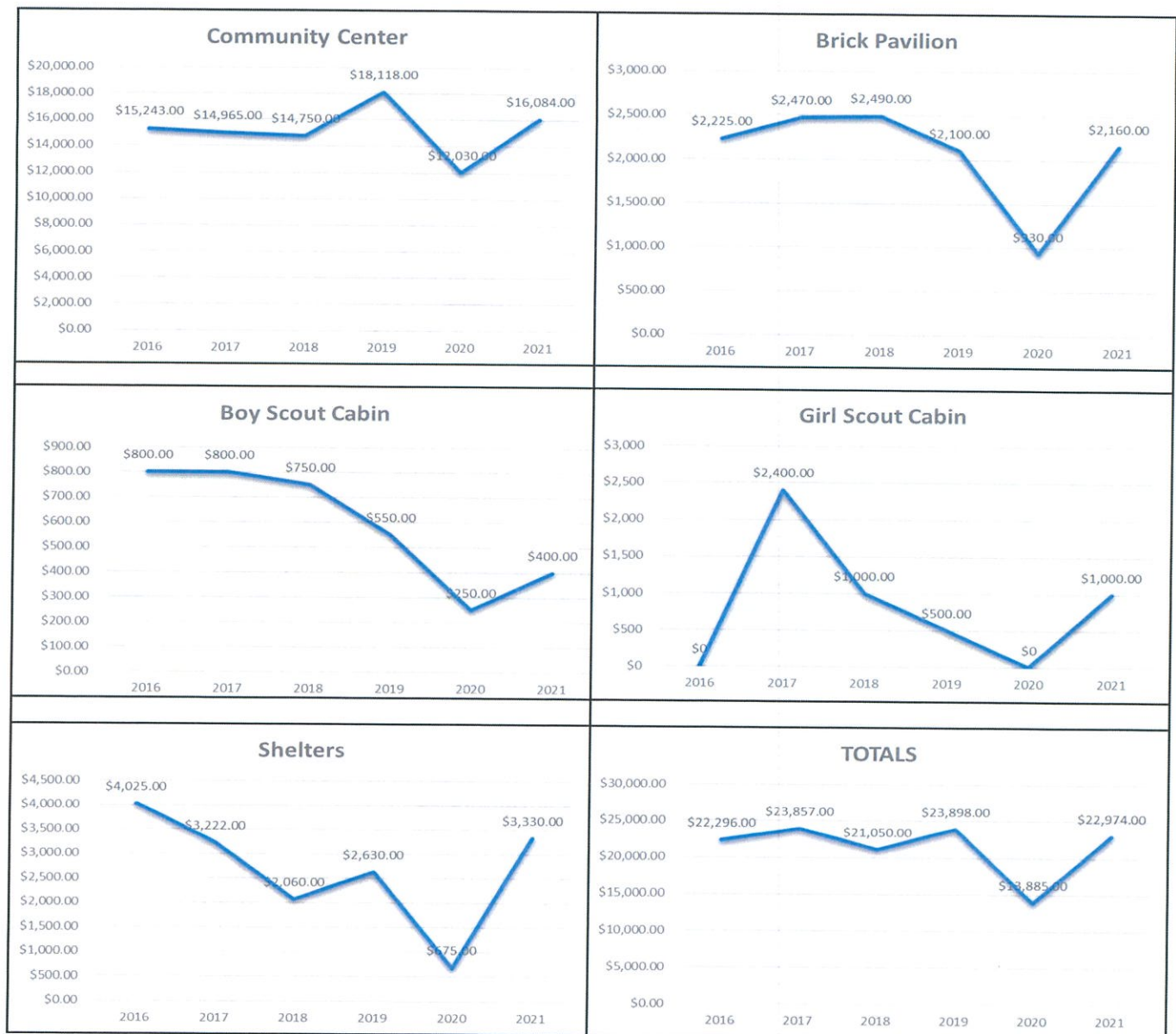
2021 TOTAL PARK INCOME

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
TOTAL INCOME	89,011.00	84,686.00	96,645.00	98,181.00	14,170.00	98,735.70



2021 FACILITY RENTAL INCOME

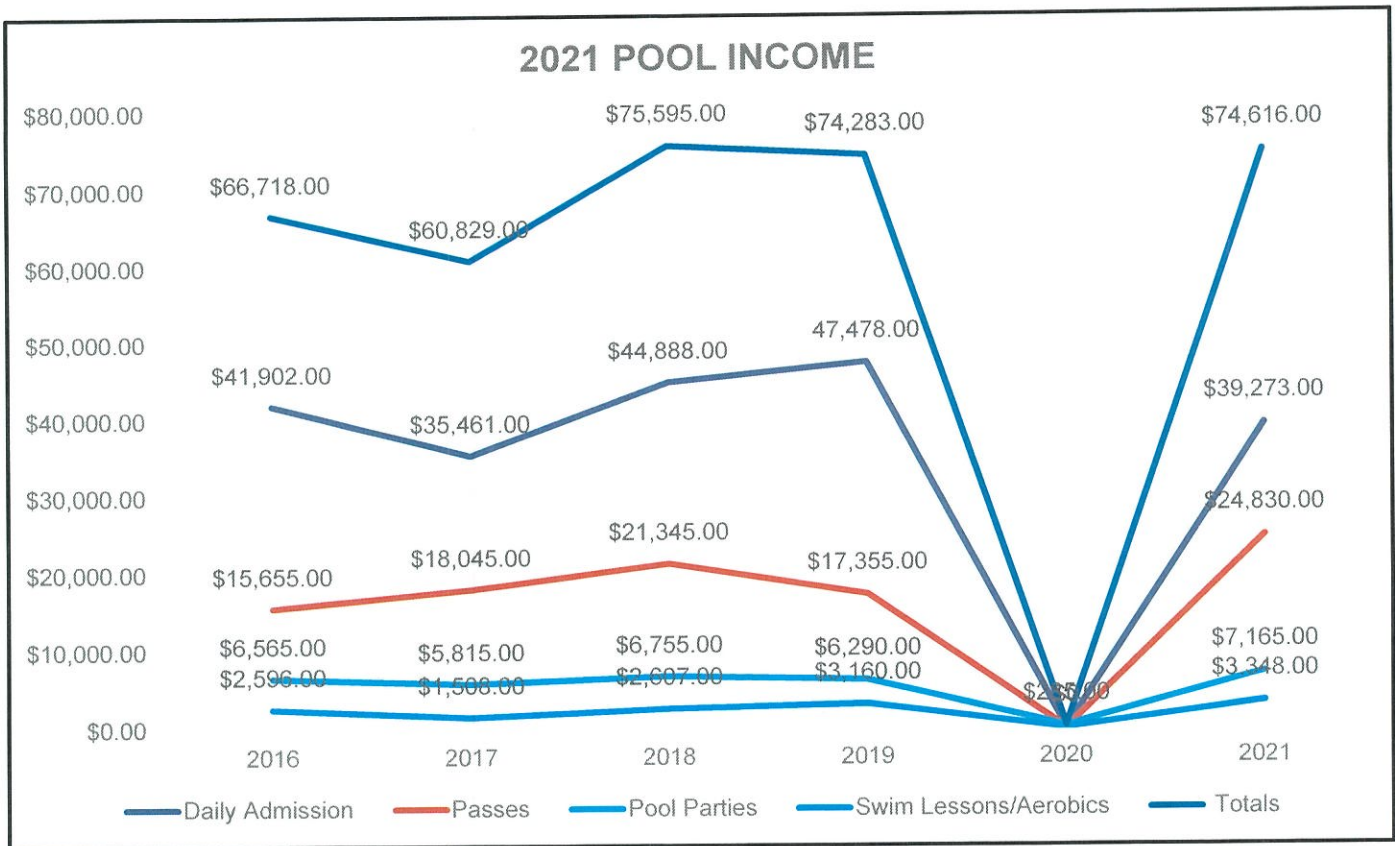
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Com. Center	\$15,243.00	\$14,965.00	\$14,750.00	\$18,118.00	\$12,030.00	\$16,084.00
Brick Pavilion	\$ 2,225.00	\$ 2,470.00	\$ 2,490.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 930.00	\$ 2,160.00
Shelters	\$ 4,025.00	\$ 3,222.00	\$ 2,060.00	\$ 2,630.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 3,330.00
Boy Sct. Cabin	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 400.00
Girl Sct. Cabin	\$0	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$0	\$ 1,000.00
Gazebo	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	\$22,296.00	\$23,857.00	\$21,050.00	\$23,898.00	\$13,885.00	\$22,974.00



2021 POOL INCOME

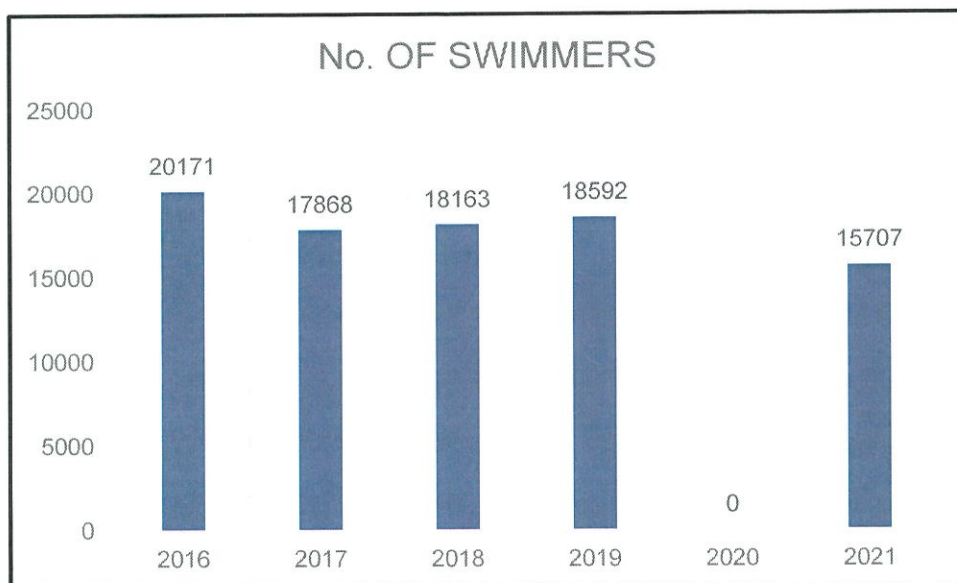
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Daily Admission	\$41,902.00	\$35,461.00	\$44,888.00	47,478.00	\$0	\$39,273.00
Passes	\$15,655.00	\$18,045.00	\$21,345.00	\$17,355.00	\$0	\$24,830.00
Pool Parties	\$ 6,565.00	\$5,815.00	\$6,755.00	\$6,290.00	\$285.00	\$ 7,165.00
Swim Lessons/Aerobics	\$2,596.00	\$1,508.00	\$2,607.00	\$3,160.00	\$0	\$ 3,348.00
Totals	\$66,718.00	\$60,829.00	\$75,595.00	\$74,283.00	\$285.00	\$74,616.00

**** Concession Stand Revenue \$1,145.70**



2021 No. OF SWIMMERS

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
# OF SWIMMERS	20171	17868	18163	18592	0	15707



Streets & Park – Department Head Report

The Street Department maintains 27 centerline miles and an equal number of Alleyways. They also apply hot tar to cracks on roads that are starting to show wear and tear. And on a weekly basis sweep all over town. They also apply cold patch to potholes in the winter and hot mix and dura-patch in the summer months. We also maintain 91020 feet of storm drains and 750 catch basins. They also handle forestry duties, taking care of dead or damaged trees and overgrowth along some Village Streets and in the Park. And they take care of the painting of crosswalks, curbs and parking spaces. They place barricades for events, erect flags, banners and Holiday decorations downtown. They also take care of maintenance of licensed and unlicensed vehicles and equipment. In the winter months the Street Department does maintenance on the mowers, sharpening blades, changing oil and filters and anything else that we may find with inspections.

We had another good year of paving this year in the Village. The streets paved this year were:

Hamilton Lane (4,733 sq yds) – paved @ 2" compacted
Sebring Street (2,548 sq yds) – paved @ 2" compacted
Columbia Street (3,009 sq yds) – paved @ 2" compacted
N. Pleasant Drive (1,404 sq yds) – paved @ 2" compacted
Wood Street (2,807 sq yds) – paved @ 2" compacted
Garfield Avenue (2,807 sq yds) – paved @ 2" compacted

The Street Department also maintains all city properties in town. We mow and weed-whack on a weekly basis. We also mow and weed eat all vacant lots in town. The Properties include:

- Taggart St by CeramFab
- Rebecca St by Family Dollar
- The Grass on both sides of the creek by the recycling bins
- The Triangle lot on Rt 14 by the "Welcome to East Palestine" sign
- West Main in front and on side of The Street Garage
- West Main at Elders Park on both sides of creek
- Both sides of the West St bridge
- Empty lots at The Leslie Run Estates

We also highway mow in 12 other areas all over town.

This past year was a very productive year for the Street Department. We were able to clean out a lot of catch basins and jet the lines with the help of summer help. This leads to us finding catch basins that need attention or even replaced. We did replace Six catch basins last year that were in very bad shape. Continuing our efforts from the work we did on Connors Drive in 2019, we added three new catch basins and 420Ft of 12-inch pipe continuing down Sebring Street. It has worked very well. We also Put 300 ft of 12-inch pipe on Main St. on the southeast side of the street where we were having a problem with water running down and gathering in front of Anna St. which made it a problem area in the winter.

Having the seasonal workers this year was beneficial for the projects that we were able to accomplish. They were able to take care of all the mowing, crack filling and painting of roads which left the street crew free to complete the projects that we undertook. We also removed some trees this year in Elders Park that were dead. We then added new dirt, planted grass and added some park benches near the walking trail. We started clearing the hill side by the City Lake. We removed some scrub trees and a lot of over growth. This will be an ongoing project.

Streets & Park – Park Foreman Report

Even with all the changes and uncertainties in 2021 the park still had a productive year. Many improvements were made at the pool house. A new rubberized floor was installed in the men's and women's changing rooms. Touchless sinks and toilets were put in place. The building became more handicapped friendly with the addition of larger stalls in the bathrooms and the elimination of the steps to enter the pool area.

With the help of a donation from the park board two steel doors and glass block windows were also purchased and installed. The pool and pump house both got painted and the mulched flower beds in the front were replaced with stone. This should help with weeding and overall maintenance of this area that has become an issue over the past years.

Another large project that was completed addressed the water on the hillside in front of the boy scout cabin. The hillside became so saturated this year that it was nearly impossible to mow large areas of grass. We put a French drain system in and connected it to an existing catch basin at the bottom hill. Within a week the entire area had dried up and we were able to resume mowing.

The dog park also saw significant upgrades. Dead trees were cut down and removed from around the entire perimeter. A new cement walk way was poured at the entry leading into the covered area. A small gravel parking lot was built. Eventually we would like to have this parking lot paved. Posts were also placed in front of the park to stop the parking of cars in the grass. New latches were also put on some of the gates.

The park crew also painted the playgrounds by the boy scout cabin and the park exit. The overflow in the duck pond was repaired. This was accomplished by draining the pond and cementing cracks and a void that had formed. By doing this the water level was able to rise significantly and improve the overall health of the pond and the wildlife it supports. Stone was added around the community center flower beds. Many flowering trees were planted throughout the park and Elder's park. Cement pads and benches were also added to Elder's park. All these things were completed while still performing our daily activities. Mowing, weed-whacking, cleaning bathrooms and removing trash every day to ensure the cleanliness of the park.

Water & Wastewater – Department Head Report

EAST PALESTINE WATER/DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

East Palestine Water Plant Production (2021):	138.341 million gallons
Water Production—Billing Cycle (2021):	140.755 million gallons
Water Billed (2021):	98.82 million gallons

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021:

The water department had a very busy end to the year with multiple water main breaks occurring in the last couple months of the year.

Total excavations that resulted in a disruption of service to customers:

Water main leaks:	20
Water main valves replaced:	1--6" valve to the WYG building
Fire Hydrants replaced:	3

One water main leak was repaired without disruption to water service

Village water department personnel installed one new water tap on West Clark St., flushed hydrants in the spring and fall and completed monthly shut-offs and work orders. Commercial backflows were inspected and reports filed along with all monthly, weekly, daily water plant sampling.

The Village water model study was completed by MS Consultants. This will be a vital resource as the village moves forward with water main replacements in the coming years. The Village is currently working with MS Consultants to abandon the Western Ave. Booster Station that has been out of service for several years. The Village was required by the Ohio EPA to rehab or abandon the booster station. After using the water model and making adjustments in the distribution system the village and engineers have determined the best course of action is to abandon the station.

In regards to the water plant itself we are currently working with Moody Associates on the Rhode's Well at the water plant. The wells motor and pump went bad and that work is currently ongoing with the new motor installed and specifications for the pump in the works. A new high

service motor was purchased for one of the three high service pumps in the water plant. Installation of the new motor will be in January of 2022.

EAST PALESTINE WASTEWATER/COLLECTION SYSTEM

East Palestine Wastewater Plant Treated Water (2021):	215.903 million gallons
East Palestine Wastewater Plant sludge production (2021):	367 Tons

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021:

The wastewater treatment facility has had numerous changes in the year 2021. The 1.2-million-gallon EQ tank, storage garage, blower building and grit removal systems have been finished. This also includes new sanitary sewer lines and a siphon that serve the plant. The second phase of the project will begin in the spring. The EQ basin has already been beneficial to the Village during a couple rain events in the later part of summer and proved to be very effective in preventing sanitary backups in the collection system that would have previously occurred.

The project at the wastewater treatment facility is still on going and the bulk of the project will kick off again in the spring of 2022. This includes tearing down and replacing two metal buildings with block to match the current buildings. This also includes a complete rehabilitation to the four aeration tanks at the facility with new stainless steel air lines, and blowers that will run on VFD's making them much more energy and cost effective.

The wastewater treatment plant submitted for a new Ohio EPA permit in August of 2021 and is still awaiting the draft and final copy of the new discharge permit. The yearly DMRQA testing was performed which is a quality assurance testing program for in house lab tests the village is required to do by the USEPA. The Village's wastewater department personnel continue to do all the weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual sampling that's required per the NPDES permit. A total of 7 sewer backups were corrected through jetting. General maintenance sewer jetting is done on a regularly scheduled basis throughout the year.

Two new employees started with the Village this year. Scott Wolfe was hired as the new water/wastewater superintendent to replace John Jurjavcic who retired. Scott started June 30th. In September Evan Schneider started he replaced Randy Swanson who quit in July. Tim Blythe quit from his position on the water/wastewater department in December his position will be filled beginning January 2022.